

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-3, 5-23, 25-61 are pending in the application.

Statement of Substance of Interview

On September 11, 2006, Applicant's representative conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner. The Examiner indicated that claims 1-3 recited allowable subject matter. The Examiner also requested Applicant to indicate the distinguishing feature between claims 1 and 61 in the next response.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

Claim amendments

Further to the Examiner's comments in the telephonic interview, Applicant has amended claims 5, 23, 25 and 26 and has cancelled claims 4 and 24, and respectfully submits that, upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-3, 5-7, 23, 25-26, 57 and 61 are now allowable because they each recite features which the Examiner indicated as allowable in the telephonic interview.

Applicant respectfully notes that claim 61 recites a comparison of the "first biometric feature" while claim 1 recites a comparison of "first information associated with a first biometric feature."

Applicant's remarks from the July 25, 2006 Amendment are herein incorporated by reference.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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